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CRIT approves zero-tolerance drug policy

Will lead to stronger enforcement, prosecution of crimes on CRIT lands

The CRIT Tribal Council recently approved a tougher stance on drug and alcohol use and crimes on CRIT lands.

The Council approved a resolution stating that the Tribal Government will have a zero-tolerance policy toward narcotics on the reservation. It also means more enforcement by CRIT Police and increased fines and jail time.

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The move should affect a vast majority of the crimes that take place on CRIT lands. An estimated 90 percent of all crimes on the reservation are drug or alcohol related.

And, it should also help curb the larger problem faced by the area as a whole when dealing with drug use — a problem common to communities throughout the country.

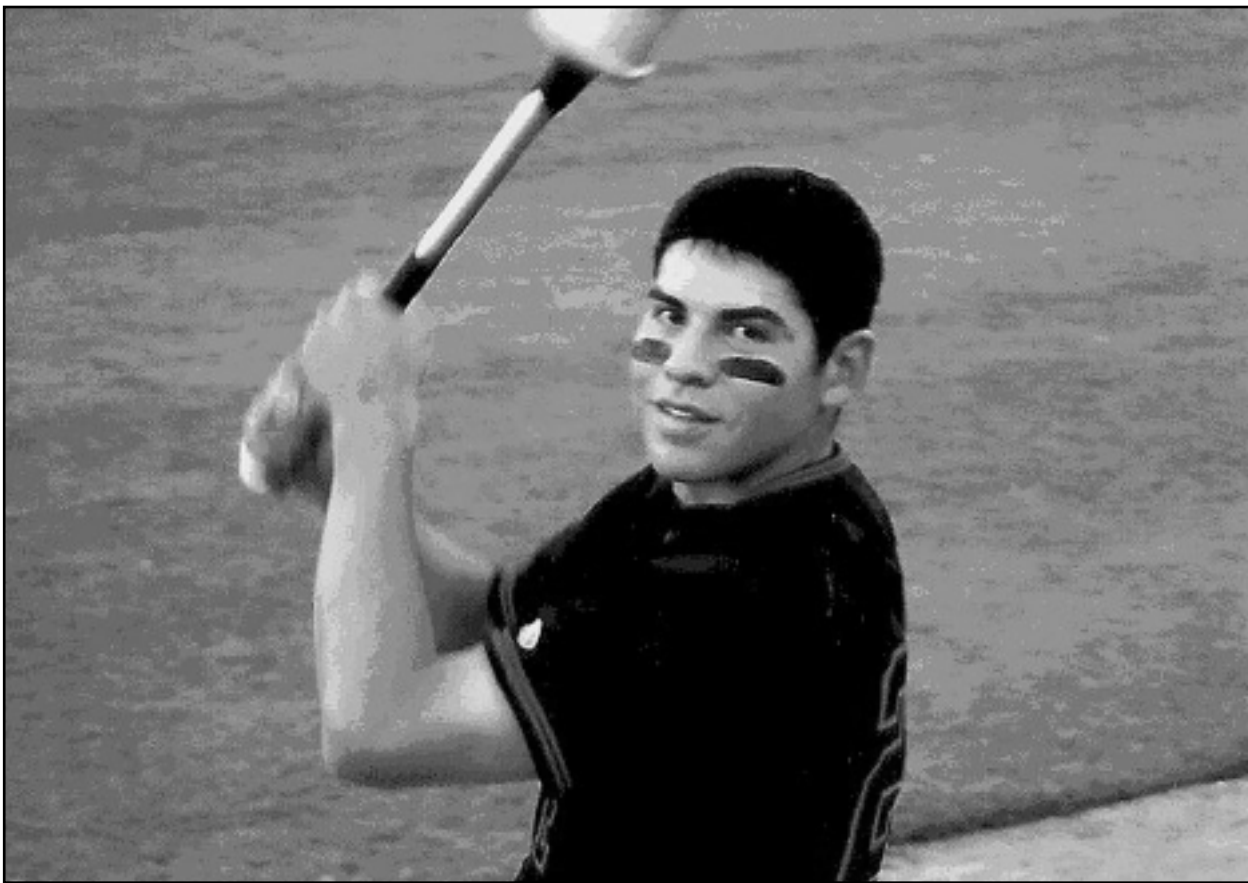
The new policies include increasing the fines for possession of illegal drugs to a maximum of \$1,000. Those convicted of selling illicit drugs will face fines and jail time that are even more severe.

"If you are caught with drugs, we will prosecute the matter vigorously," said Martin Brannan, CRIT Tribal Prosecutor. "You can expect to spend time in jail, and you can expect to pay fines."

For those charged with possession, a week to

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Member enjoys big-league success



Jacobus Ellisbury has been a big hit for the Oregon State University baseball team. He has aspirations of one day making it to the Major Leagues. He's currently playing in the Cape Cod League in Massachusetts.

A CRIT member is a big hit in the world of college baseball, and is eyeing the major leagues.

Tribal member Jacobus Ellisbury is currently playing for the Falmouth Commodores in the Cape Cod Baseball League in Massachusetts. The Cape Cod League is one of the premier development and scouting leagues for college baseball players who are major league prospects.

Ellisbury grew up and attended high school in Madras, Oregon — a small, rural town in eastern Oregon not unlike Parker. He

also lived in Parker for two years as a child, attending 6th and 7th grade at La Pera School. His mother, Marjorie, is from the McCabe family.

The 21-year-old will be a junior this fall at Oregon State University, where he was one of the top players on the team the past two years.

Last year, he hit .330 for the Beavers, and was named to several All-American teams.

Ellisbury is hitting .250 in the Cape Cod

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Jacobus Ellisbury's stats

2003-04, Oregon State

Batting Average: .330

At bats: 206

Runs Batted In: 33

Home Runs: 7

Slugging Percentage .510

Stolen Bases: 14

Council reforms CRIT tax structure

Restaurants and lodging providing new revenue; CRIT working with State on collection of tobacco tax revenues

CRIT will revise its tax code in the coming months, starting with a new arrangement with the State of Arizona on tobacco taxes and a new tax on restaurants and lodging located on reservation lands.

The reforms will be done within its taxing jurisdiction and boundaries. Over 100 other tribes nationwide have similar tax codes, including several in Arizona.

CRIT Tribal Chairman Daniel Eddy Jr. believes the new resources will benefit the region as a whole, especially with most monies coming from visitors to the area.

The new revenues will be specifically earmarked to improve substance-abuse prevention on the reservation and to support other youth services, such as juvenile detention.

Previously, the Tribes only had levied a tobacco tax on its lands.

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News, information from your Tribal Government

Chairman Daniel Eddy Jr.
Vice Chairman Russell Welsh
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Eldred Enas (Treasurer), Dennis Patch,
Daphne Hill-Poolaw, Ray Aspa, Sr.,
Herman "T.J" Laffoon, Valerie Welsh-Tahbo

Zero-tolerance drug policy will be enforced

It's a serious problem in our society. And now, CRIT is more serious than ever about solving it.

The CRIT Tribal Government has adopted a zero-tolerance policy toward drug use and drug trafficking on the reservation.

That means tougher penalties for those who use drugs. Bigger fines. Longer jail sentences.

And for those who sell drugs on Tribal lands, it means really, really big trouble. Just ask some of those recently arrested for drug-related crimes.

This is a matter of life and death for CRIT and its people. Drug use is a problem all over the country, and it has strong roots in this area as well. Tribal officials estimate that 90 percent of all crimes on the reservation — *of ALL crimes* — are drug or alcohol related. By taking a zero-tolerance policy toward drugs, the CRIT Tribal Government is acting to protect our people.

The goal is to make our community as a whole safer by stopping these drug-related crimes. The goal is to prevent our children from taking a damaging path in life. And the goal is to help those who have a problem right now.

Society as a whole is a long way from winning the battle against drug use. But for CRIT and its people, this is an important and necessary step in the right direction.

Tax reforms will provide needed revenues for CRIT

Just as over 100 tribal governments have done before it, the CRIT Tribal Government has begun the process of reforming its tax codes, a move that will benefit tribal members in many ways.

The first steps were the implementation of taxes on restaurants and lodging — two revenue sources used by tribes, cities and governments throughout the country.

The changes will only affect businesses that are within the boundaries of the reservation and are subject to the jurisdiction of CRIT.

And because much of the revenues from hotels and restaurants come from visitors to the area, the money generated will come from outside of our area.

These new revenue sources will be used to help CRIT fund important services, such as substance-abuse prevention on the reservation and other youth services, such as juvenile detention.

Other changes will be phased in over the next few months as well, but all will be done with sensitivity to local businesses and taxpayers. It's important to note that after the Arizona Department of Revenue cleared up CRIT tax issues last year, the reforms will still leave members with extremely low tax rates.

Your Tribal Council at work for you

Welsh continues to respond to Tribal needs

CRIT Vice Chairman says health, sovereignty issues are key to future

Vice Chairman Russell Welsh has been involved with a lot of key issues during his 14 years on the Tribal Council. And he says he's tried to take a progressive, open-minded approach to every one.

Welsh said he always looked up to Tribal leaders before deciding he wanted to run for



Vice Chairman Russell Welsh

Tribal Council himself.

"I had a strong desire to be a leader of our people," he said.

"I've been associated with previous tribal leaders since my discharge from the military in 1955, and always admired them.

They are my models, and give me that strong desire to be a leader."

Welsh's time on council has included such significant votes as the first vote to approve gaming on CRIT lands, and most recently the renewed efforts to re-acquire the La Paz Lands.

He said there are still major issues to be addressed, though, including combating

alcoholism, drug use and diabetes, as well as protecting Tribal sovereignty.

"We are a Nation within a Nation, and we must never forget that," he said. "There are U.S. senators and congressmen who work with federally recognized tribes to enforce our sovereign rights, and there are a few who fight against our sovereignty.

"We must vote for those who will work with Indian nations."

Welsh said he likes being on Tribal Council because it gives him the opportunity to help Tribal elders and others in need of assistance.

"I like the challenge of being on the Council and devoting time to our people," he said. "There's great potential on our reservation that hasn't been tapped into yet."

His responsibilities as Vice Chairman include oversight of all real estate and natural resources, including working with the private sector on leases.

Welsh also serves on the CRIT Resource Development Committee as Chairman, and has been appointed to several other committees during his time on Tribal Council.

Welsh said that he's open to any and all ideas from Tribal members about how the Tribal Government can serve them better. He also said that Tribal members should continue to be optimistic about the future.

"I urge all Tribal members to keep their spirits high, don't give up, and may the Lord bless each and every one."

Letters to the Editor

Former Parker councilman voices support for CRIT on La Paz Lands

I read with interest your article about the La Paz Lands and the boundary correction act. I was a member of the Town of Parker Common Council when a vote was taken to send a letter to our congress opposing the act. I stood up and voted against this and this was noted in the Parker Pioneer.

I recently sponsored a resolution supporting the CRIT boundary correct act. Not only did I sponsor this resolution but was able to convince two thirds of our city council of its merits and I saw it pass. Considering the past feelings of the CRIT and the Town of Parker I feel that this is something of great importance. It may not have a measurable impact, but at least it does show that the Town understands some of the issues regarding the CRIT and does show its support for its great neighbor.

I have pushed and will continue to push for a tribal relations committee to meet and explore issues with the tribes that can be solved by intelligent people speaking from a position of honesty and trust.

The time to bring the major political entities

together is now. We must if we are to see continued economic prosperity to this area. As the Town and County see a decline in their economic fortunes, the tribes will probably suffer as well.

Jeff Baird D.O.

Candidate for La Paz County Supervisor

Member praises *Manataba Messenger*

I'd like to say that I enjoy reading the *Manataba Messenger*. It tells me a lot about what's going on in the reservation, with Tribal government, with our youth and the members. It's good to see. I'd also like to thank the Tribal Council for the work they have done with the reservation. Keep up the good work and thank you for the newspaper.

Russell Scott — Florence, Colorado

The *Manataba Messenger* encourages letters to the editor. We will publish a maximum of 250 words; longer letters will be edited. You may send letters to: Route 1, Box 23-B, Parker, 85344, or to critnews@aol.com.

Fire burns 750 acres, contained quickly



Add the CRIT reservation to the list of places in the Western United States where wildfires have struck after a blaze in late June south of Poston.

The Welsh Fire on June 26 and 27 burned a total of 750 acres in and around Tyson Wash, about 10 miles south of Poston on the southern tip of the reservation.

The fire threatened the Mesquite Bosque, the last natural stand of mesquite trees in the area, but was contained before it caused significant damage to this important area.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation, but there were no storms in the area at that time.

The Bureau of Land Management worked with the CRIT Fire and CRIT Game & Fish Departments to attack the blaze. BLM called in help from its Yuma field office, as well as from Phoenix and Kingman.

About a half-dozen other agencies responded to the blaze as well, including a single-engine tanker plane from the Prescott National Forest.

Only one injury was reported due to the fire — a firefighter cut his foot with an axe while clearing brush. The wound required 20 stitches.

The fire was contained fairly quickly, but a flare-up after the initial fire meant that crews had to come back out to ensure the blaze wouldn't spread. The total estimated cost of the fire was \$30,000.

The CRIT Tribal Government, Fire Department and Fish & Game Department would like to thank the Bureau of Land Management and all the agencies that responded to the Welsh Fire. Thanks to their efforts, the damage caused by the blaze was kept to a minimum.

Education Dept. plans college partnership

Partnership with Arizona Western College will help CRIT students

Submitted by the CRIT Education Department

School districts and colleges used to wonder why Native Americans have higher drop-out rates than other groups. One reason is that studies have shown they are not as comfortable in non-Native American environments.

Whether it's prejudice, differences in the way academic staff deal with Native American clientele, or other social circumstances, it is often a stressful experience.

That is why the Education Department's has started a new program, a computer lab that will become a site for online degree programs through Arizona Western College.

Dennis Patch and staff are looking at a collaboration that would allow tribal members to receive a four-year degree entirely through the internet.

AWC is partnering with NAU to offer a B.A.

in elementary education, secondary education—English or math, media arts or criminal justice.

A two-year A.A. (associate arts degree) in general studies is also available.

This will allow the student to transfer those credits to any institution of higher education in the state and most in the southwest.

Barry Holloway, learning support coordinator, will be working with the Education Department to provide students with services they need to be successful with online programs.

Those include enrollment, tutoring, counseling, advisement, library and the skills necessary to participate in a virtual classroom.

Two Counselor Positions Open

The Tribal Council recently approved two positions for Education Department counselors. These positions were seen as crucial to improving

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Upcoming Events

BlueWater Resort & Casino events

Several big-name concerts are coming to the BlueWater Resort & Casino.

Lou Gramm, former lead singer of supergroup Foreigner as well as a successful solo artist in his own right, will play at the BlueWater Amphitheater on August 12th.

Tickets for the show are \$25 in advance and \$30 the day of the show.

On September 18th, Tower of Power will perform at the amphitheater.

Tickets to see the famed Soul band are \$20 in advance and \$25 the day of the show.

On October 16th, the BlueWater Amphitheater will host the Honky Tonk Tailgate Party, including some of the hottest names in country music.

Rhett Atkins, Chad Brock, David Kersh and Daryle Singletary will perform on the same stage at this big event.

Finally, on November 13th, the legendary Mel Tillis will be performing in the BlueWater Bingo & Concert Hall.

For more information, call the BlueWater Resort & Casino at (888) 243-3360.

Dig Lounge hosts live music

The Dig Lounge, located inside the BlueWater Resort & Casino, will be hosting several different bands in the month of August.

From August 3-8, Cha-Ching will play Top 40, alternative, disco and classic rock favorites.

Radio Rage will perform from August 10-15. They're a high-energy dance band that plays classic rock and disco music.

From August 17-22, The Shout will be playing in the lounge. The group is a three-piece band playing classic rock, disco, dance, alternative and Top 40 music.

And from August 24-29, Octane will bring its repertoire of country, classic rock, Top 40, alternative and dance music to the Lounge.

All live music will be from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., Tuesdays through Sundays.

Walk to Cure Diabetes planned

Diabetes is one of the biggest health problems Native Americans face.

On October 30th, the 2004 Walk To Cure Diabetes will take place at Tempe Town Lake. The event raises money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. The theme this year is "The Power of Victory."

Last year, more than 14,000 people participated in the walk, raising nearly \$1.2 million. This year's goal is 15,000 people and \$1.5 million in fundraising for this cause.

Tribal Member Tim McCabe, corporate recruitment chairman for the event, invites Tribal members to join him at the Team Captain Kick-Off Luncheon at Glendale Arena on August 31st. Kick-Off attendees are eligible to win a suite at a 2004-05 Phoenix Coyotes game (some restrictions apply).

For more information, please call the Foundation's special events coordinator, Cori Seith, at (602) 224-1814.

Manataba Messenger Interviews...

Senator stresses experience, consideration of issues

U.S. Senator Jon Kyl has served Arizona in Congress for more than 16 years, and has had a significant impact on Arizona's public policy landscape. He has spent the last decade in the U.S. Senate.

The *Manataba Messenger* interviewed him recently about Native American issues and some of his accomplishments in public office.

Q: You have now served in Congress for 16 years — what are some of the major highlights during your tenure?

A: Not all of these are highlights in the traditional sense of being pleasant experiences.

But they do constitute some the most important experiences of my congressional career (in no particular order): Serving with President Reagan; the impeachment trial of President Clinton; September 11, 2001; the births of my grandchildren; the end of the Cold War; the fall of Saddam Hussein; and being considered by President George W. Bush as a potential vice



U.S. Senator Jon Kyl

presidential candidate.

Q: What committees do you serve on?

A: The Senate Finance Committee, where I chair the Subcommittee on Health Care; the Judiciary Committee, where I chair the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security; the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; and the Senate Republican Policy Committee, which I also chair as a member of the majority leadership.

Q: In the time you have served, is there one particular moment or piece of legislation that stands out as your proudest accomplishment?

A: It's difficult to narrow this question down to one bill out of the hundreds with which I have been involved.

Some of the most significant issues in which I have played a leadership role are: improving border security; repealing the estate (or "death") tax; promoting healthy forests; modernizing Medicare and adding a prescription drug benefit; and providing funding for Indian schools and hospitals and settling Indian water rights claims.

A couple of key others would be the USA Patriot Act, President Bush's two major tax cut bills; stopping approval of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, and the repeal of the Trading with Indians Act.

Q: What do you see as the biggest issue Native Americans face in relation to the Federal

Government and on the federal level?

A: Although this is less of an issue for the Colorado River Indian Tribes, in the southwest the most important issue for many tribes is translating legitimate water claims into water rights, and from there developing the infrastructure to turn those rights into real water.

Secondly, many tribes are struggling to deal with health, education and crime issues despite inadequate resources.

Q: How has Arizona's Native American population effective the way you approach your time in the Senate?

A: I always take into consideration the impact of any given legislation — from the need for better law enforcement to Internet gambling — on Arizona's Indian population. In particular, I have spent a considerable amount of time on water-related issues.

Q: If a tribal member would like to contact you, what should they do?

A: My Phoenix office is located at 2200 East Camelback Road, Suite 120, Phoenix, AZ 85016. Telephone: 602-840-1891.

My Tucson office is at 7315 North Oracle Road, Suite 220, Tucson, AZ 85704. Telephone 520-575-8633.

My office at the Capitol can be reached at: 730 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510. Telephone 202-224-4521.



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Election 2004 — Meet The Candidates

On September 7th, La Paz County voters will go to the polls to decide on local, state and federal elected offices.

The *Manataba Messenger* invited all candidates for those offices to submit 250-word statements about themselves so that CRIT members can learn a little bit more about their background, goals and ideas. Candidates were also invited to submit a photograph. Those who responded are included below. Each race on the ballot is represented.

La Paz County Offices

County Supervisor, District 1

Jeff Baird (D)

Only through meeting and presenting our points of views, can the governments of La Paz County put their goals and agendas on the table. Through this unification we can form an alliance that will enable us to move in a path of prosperity for all. The governments of this area continue to duplicate efforts and therefore waste resources (and in some cases undermine each other) because of a lack of communication and respect.

We must utilize the best each has to offer and present this for the good of all. Education must be paramount for the residence of La Paz County as it is through this that we will have the quality employees needed for businesses that will come to this area.

Healthcare is an issue that must be approached in a manner that will benefit us all. It makes no sense that members of CRIT have to watch as elders are forced to leave their homes when they can no longer take care of themselves.

It is also unfair that CRIT members cannot have regular access to healthcare that is available in La Paz County and must leave their homes for care available here. Should we forge agreements with our local full service medical facilities to provide quality care locally?

Is it is time to build a Nursing Facility that can be used by all the residents of this county? We must bring our health care givers (administrators, doctors and staff) to solve these problems.

Eugene M. "Gene" Fisher (D)

My name is Gene Fisher and I am 56 years old. I am a native Arizonan and my wife and I have lived in La Paz County continuously since 1972. We have two grown children. My son is an attorney in New York and our daughter is now living in Virginia with her husband and two children. She is working in real estate. I have managed a farm in the Poston Valley since 1974. I also managed a farm in Daggett California for 13 years. I was first elected as District 1 Supervisor in 1988.



I have worked on and been a part of numerous committees and organizations including: Poston Rotary, Irataba Society, National Indian Days Committee, Juvenile Justice Commission (1999-2000) and past president of the County Supervisors Association (1999).

I worked on water issues when La Paz had been a County for less than 8 years and most people in the state legislature believed that our County was most valuable as a source of water for Central Arizona.

Many residents of La Paz didn't believe we could stop the proliferation of "water farms" in the County. It took time but La Paz did win the battle. The cities are no longer allowed to purchase land in La Paz County for transfer of our groundwater.

I have experience and a proven track record for representing District 1 and La Paz County. In 1990

and again in 2000 I represented District 1 when redistricting was required.

I appreciate your support and hope to continue to serve CRIT members in the future!

Duce Minor (R)

Parts of our community are represented by the Colorado River Indian Tribes Council, the Parker Town Council, and the La Paz County Board of Supervisors. Each of these entities is charged with many different duties and responsibilities. Most important is what they have in common — the people who live and work together in our community. Whether we live in town or in the valley, we are affected by the decisions and actions of these governing bodies.



I see the position of District One Supervisor as a great opportunity to work with the Tribes and the Town to focus our collective energy to work on things that we have in common, the things that make us strong. Working together, we can benefit all the people who call La Paz County home.

I have the honest experience and proven leadership to bring people together, to work as a team to create success. In the early 1980's I was proud to part of the team that saved the Parker Little League.

In 1989-90 I was proud to represent and work with people in La Paz County to save our water supply from the thirsty big cities. In 1994-95 I served as part of the team, working with a group of high school students, to mobilize our community and create Players 9th Street Youth Center. I know with your support, I will, as your District One Supervisor, provide the leadership needed to create a positive environment and move our community forward.

County Supervisor, District 2

Mark Paterson (D)

Hello to the people of the Colorado River Indian Tribes! My name is Mark Paterson and I am running for La Paz County Supervisor District 2. I grew up in Parker and graduated from Parker High School in 1983. In 1991 I served in the Persian Gulf War as a United States Marine. My unit was Force Recon.



I grew up with many of your brothers, sisters, sons and daughters. As a cross-country, track & field assistant coach at Parker High School, I have had the privilege of coaching tribal kids whose parents were my schoolmates.

I am running for La Paz County Supervisor District 2 to provide the people, if elected, a positive leader. Positive leadership, actions, and decisions will be necessary to make this area better.

District 2 includes some portions of tribal lands. Blue water Lagoon, the Badenochs area, and some lots in the Town of Parker belong to the Tribes. Ehrenberg is in District 2 and borders Tribal land.

I recognize the sovereignty of the Colorado River Indian Tribes. If elected, I realize that it will be deeds and not words that earn the respect of the Colorado River Indian Tribes.

Also running — Clifford D. Edey (R)

County Supervisor, District 3

Mary A. Scott (R)

My name is Mary Scott and I am a candidate for La Paz County Board of Supervisors, District 3. I have been a resident of Quartzsite since 1971 and am part of

the original Scott family. We have a long and interesting history in this area. I owned and operated Scott's Bookkeeping Service for eleven years. I have owned Cactus Curlers Beauty Salon for over five years. After Quartzsite incorporated, I was appointed the first magistrate for Quartzsite Magistrate Court.

I was elected Justice of the Peace for Quartzsite Justice Court and held that office from 1991 until I retired in 2002, I held both the office of town magistrate and county justice of the peace for five years when the city court moved to the new town hall complex. I served as a mentor judge helping and training new judges for 8 years. I also served on the committees for drafting the judges handbook for domestic violence and automation committee for the Arizona Supreme Court.

I am against La Paz County being a dumping ground for California and interested in bringing clean industry and businesses to our county. I would like to see more services and tax dollars distributed to areas outside of Parker. I have many years serving as an elected official and I am the most qualified candidate. I am committed and dedicated. I will strive to be available and to serve and listen to the residents of La Paz County.

Also running — Jay W. Howe (R)

County Attorney

Martin Brannan (R)

Locating in La Paz County after graduating from Arizona State University's College of Law in May 1996, I began working as a law clerk at the La Paz County Attorney's Office. Ultimately working my way to the position of Chief Deputy County Attorney, I left the office to pursue other goals in June 2003.

I began the private practice of law in mid-2003 by prosecuting misdemeanor cases for the towns of Parker and Quartzsite and defending conflict and overflow cases for the La Paz County Public Defender. In November 2003, I accepted a contract to serve as the Chief Prosecutor for the Colorado River Indian Tribes and stopped defending criminal cases and prosecuting criminal for Quartzsite.

I currently spend my time protecting the law abiding residents of Parker and the Colorado River Indian Reservation from those who are not so law abiding. I have also proposed new provisions for the Colorado River Indian Tribes Law and Order Code and the Parker Town Code to better protect those residents.

I actively support the CRIT and Parker Police Departments as their official legal advisor and have provided training to officers and volunteers at the request of the La Paz County Sheriff's Office. I am also a combat veteran of the United States Army and a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans. Having dedicated most of my life to the service of my community and my country, I look forward to serving as the next La Paz County Attorney.

Glenn Buckelew (D)

I have lived on the CRIT reservation, near Poston and now in Parker, since 1989. I am married with two small children. I'm seeking a third term as County Attorney.

I understand and respect the doctrine of tribal sovereignty. The Tribes, like any other nation, has the right of self-determination.

I further support recovery of tribal lands near Ehrenberg.

I have encouraged removal of tribally owned properties from the county tax roles as provided by law.

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County Offices (Con't)

Absent an agreement to the contrary, if a tenant builds a house on his landlord's land the house belongs to the landlord. If that landlord is a tax-exempt governmental entity, then the house is also tax exempt. This is the situation with most permanent improvements which have been built upon leased tribal lands. They are owned by the Tribes, and are therefore tax exempt. The county has already removed many such government owned properties erroneously carried on its tax rolls as taxable to the tenant. I will continue to encourage the county to complete this process.



The most serious common problem facing all of us who live in this region is methamphetamine. It destroys countless lives, knows no boundaries and costs hundreds of thousands of dollars in losses both on and off the reservation. To successfully combat meth, tribal, federal, town, county, Arizona and California authorities must join together as one. Jurisdictional concerns can be addressed through intergovernmental agreements. Together we can bring the meth problem under control.

Also running — Fred Welch (D)

Sheriff

Hal Collett (R)

Hal Collett has the experience, the education and most important, he has the commitment to the people and all of La Paz County.

Collett has lived and worked with-in La Paz County and the Colorado River Indian Reservation for over 33 years. His wife Nancy has taught school on the Navajo Reservation, and the Colorado River Indian Reservation for over 20 years, and they have raised their 5 children here. They have a clear understanding of the needs of the Reservation as well as the surrounding communities, and have the commitment to work together to make our communities an even better place to live for our children and our future. Collett has the educational background to do the job, with an Associate Degree in Police Science, a Bachelor Degree in Management, and a Certificate in Administration of Justice. He is also a graduate of the National FBI Academy, and Arizona Law Enforcement Academy.

Collett is most known for his community involvement, working for and with the community. He is a past President of the Parker Area Chamber of Commerce, Parker Rotary Club, Parker Lions Club, Parker P.T.A., La Paz County Youth Live Stock and past President of the La Paz Foundation for the handicap. He gets involved to help make our community a better place to live.

Hal Collett as Sheriff of La Paz County, with his 33 years of Law Enforcement experience has proven that he is the most qualified candidate for the office of La Paz County Sheriff.

Kee Kaibetony (D)

Hello, my name is Kee Kaibetony. I am fifty-two years old, born and raised on the Navajo Nation in Tuba City, Arizona. I am of the Red Bottom clan born to Many Goats clan. I have lived in Parker since 1983.



I worked for Parker Motor Company as a mechanic upon arriving in Parker. I was active in the Army National Guard for nine years from March 1984 to March 1993. In the Army National Guard my duties were Ammunition Specialist, Engineer and the last three years as Tank Commander.

My law enforcement experience includes the Colorado River Indian Tribes Police Department from

August 1989 to December 1991, the La Paz County Sheriff's Department from January 1992 to April 1999 of which the last four years were in the capacity of Patrol Sergeant. I am currently employed with Parker Motor Company.

I am running on the Democratic ticket for the Office of Sheriff of La Paz County. My platform is "Change". Administration has changed since 1983 but the way things are done remain unchanged. Change is good. Unity within the County and the Reservation is what is needed to provide effective law enforcement.

When we listen to the Public, as well and most importantly, the employees who provide services to the public, morale is improved tremendously. Law Enforcement requires honesty and integrity within the department as well as for the public. We are here to protect and to serve the Citizens of La Paz County.

Also running — Marvin L. Hare, Sr. (R)

County Treasurer

Ellen Solper (D) is the only candidate in the race

County School Superintendent

Janice L. Shelton (R)

Committed, organized, responsive, and experienced. These are the qualities I will bring to the position of La Paz County Superintendent of Schools. Besides the mandated responsibilities of the job, there are opportunities to expand the position.



La Paz County has a diverse population which requires close attention to diverse educational needs. As Superintendent of Schools, I will facilitate collaboration between districts with similar needs to solve problems, maximize resources, and promote educational opportunities to enhance learning. Professional development, articulated curriculum, recognition programs, and open communication are just a few things I will pursue. I also believe it is important to listen carefully and provide appropriate leadership for effective progress. I will provide those skills.

My formal educational experience includes 18 years in the classroom plus another 15 years devoted to youth and adult community education. During those years, I held a variety of leadership and management roles including Department Head at two schools and County Director for the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension.

I have always been active in the community and currently serve as Chair of PAACE, on the La Paz Regional Hospital Governing Board, and on two state councils. No matter where I work or volunteer, I believe people should be treated with respect and should be held to a high standard of performance. Because of that, I hold myself to a high standard. I promise to take this position seriously, listen carefully, and take action to benefit our youth, schools, and communities. Your vote is appreciated!

Also running — Dan Schlecht (D)

County Recorder

Shelly Baker (R)

Hello, my name is Shelly Baker and I am running for the position of La Paz County Recorder. The focus of my campaign is excellence in public service. All government employees, particularly elected officials, are here to serve you. When you enter a public office you should have the expectation of receiving professional and courteous assistance and I am committed to maintaining that environment in the Records office.

Knowledge and experience are key requirements in offering excellent service. Through my employment

with the La Paz County Assessors office I have gained 7 years of knowledge and experience in working with real property documentation. The recording, storing and retrieving of real property documentation is a primary function of the Records office.

During my employment with the Assessors office I have also had the opportunity of working with the Arizona Association of Counties in representing you at the State Legislature. I have established excellent working relationships with our Congressmen and look forward to representing La Paz County in the next Legislative Session.

Prior to my employment with the County Assessor's office, I gained 10 years of education and experience in business/office management.

I am familiar with all aspects of personnel management and budget setting and have taken numerous college courses in business management, accounting principles and computer information systems.

I am a 22 year resident of La Paz County and I love it here. I hope you will give me the opportunity to serve you in the position of County Recorder.

Diane Philpot (R)

I have lived in La Paz County for 21 years with my husband of 38 years, Charlie Philpot. I have two sons and one grandson. My work experience with La Paz County began with Parker Unified School District.

- Parker High School
- Le Pera Elementary School
- Business Owner
- Restaurant Supervisor/Manager
- Executive Secretary Board of Supervisors Office
- State of Arizona Certified Elections Officer
- Administrative Assistant Community

Development

- Grant Administrator

My commitment is to YOU the residents of La Paz County. I have met many of you during my walk in your community and I will continue my walk to meet with as many of you as humanly possible.

Since the Primary Election is rapidly approaching on September 7, 2004 my walk is limited by distance and time, but I look forward to meeting each and every one of you.

Make your vote count by voting for Diane Philpot for County Recorder. Someone you can count on to provide Integrity, Dedication and Friendly, Professional Service!



County Assessor

Dennis Dole (R)

Dennis Dole, a candidate for La Paz County Assessor, was born August 31, 1948 in Colfax, Washington. He served overseas in Korea from February of 1968 to February of 1969 and was honorably discharged in September of 1970. He received a Real Estate License in 1990 and started GD Pump and Supply in 1991 and is still serving Quartzsite today.

After settling in Quartzsite with his wife Dona in 1990 he became active in the local community by becoming part of the Chamber of Commerce and serving as Vice-President and Economic Development Director. He was appointed to serve as the 1st President of the "Quartzsite Municipal Properties Corporation".

He and wife Dona started the Quartzsite Masters Golf Tournament in 1997, after running the benefit tournament for 5 years turned it over the Corporal Ben Scott VFW Post #769 where they still act as Tournament co-chairmen and host for the event. Since the inception of the tournament over \$27,000.00 has been raised to support local under funded programs in Quartzsite and La Paz County. In 2000 Dennis Dole became a charter member of VFW Post #769 in

Quartzsite and has served for 2 years as its commander and under his direction was named an "All State Post" for the 2003-2004 year. Currently he serves as Quartermaster/Adjutant for his Post and was elected as District 1 Commander for the State of Arizona Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Dennis Dole has served his country, served his communities and is now ready to serve La Paz County.

George Nault (R)

Representative of the People! His record: Kept La Paz County taxpayers informed with the Assessor's Corner (publication in local county paper).

Supported bills that:

- Reduced residential property tax by 47 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.
- Reduced business personal property tax to 1 percent of the first \$50,000 value.
- Defer property taxes for the elderly.

Elected President of the Arizona Association of Assessing Officers.

Established fair values in La Paz County.

Raised and maintained employee training at the highest level the office has ever had.

Available on a daily basis to La Paz County taxpayers.

Traveled to each area of the county for property tax exemption sign-ups.

His goal: To continue to fight for truth in taxation and reduction of all possible taxes.

When re-elected George Nault will continue to fight for equity for La Paz County taxpayers. This is his pledge!

Constable/Justice of the Peace #6 (2-yr. term)

Joyce Barker (D)

My name is Joyce Barker and I am seeking the office of La Paz County Constable JP #6.

This position has been neglected for years because it pays a mere one dollar per month. However, I believe that everyone should serve their community the best way that they can and that is why I am running for this office.

The experience and knowledge that I have gained as (former) La Paz County Supervisor is a valuable asset that will assist me in this opportunity to serve you and so, I am asking for your vote in these upcoming elections.

Barbara Rycroft (R)

My husband and I have lived in Bouse for 14 years. We have 5 children, 9 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. I'm Sr. Vice President and Historian of ladies Auxiliary VFW, post 2357 was president for 5 years. President & historian of American Legion Auxiliary unit 46 past president of 3 terms Vice president of Bouse fire District Auxiliary 1 term. Member of Chamber of Commerce for 12 years member of Bouse Boosters for 12 years.

Because of my dedication to the community, I feel I am the most qualified person for this position. I'm Barbara (Hummingbird) Rycroft and I approve this message.

Statewide offices

State Senator, District 3

Ron Gould (R)

Joe Hart (R)

Bill Wagner (R)

State Representative, District 3 (two seats)

Ray Cullison II (R)

I've lived in District 3 for 31 years and employed with the City of Kingman for 17 years.

I am Assistant Communications Coordinator for the Mohave County Homeland Security Amateur Radio Team, Ham Coordinator for the Emergency Response

Team for the Bioterrorism Coordinator for the Mohave County Health Department, and belong to various organizations.

For years I've had a deep desire to serve my community and that's why I'm running for State Representative. Over the years I've begun to notice a trend of political leaders not representing the people. They want to represent special interest groups or big corporations or their own special agenda. I want to be the voice inside every single one of you.

Having lived in Mohave County for the past 31 years, I have seen the triumphs and tribulations that this county has experienced. We need to start planning for the future. I would like to help everyone adjust to the changes in the growth in District 3 because growth is necessary.

I hope you are looking for someone from District 3 who has seen where we've been and has the foresight to see where we are going.

Please vote for Charles (Ray) Cullison II for State Representative, District 3.

Nancy McLain (R)

My husband Paul and I have been property owners in Bullhead City for 13 years, and moved to Arizona full-time 4-1/2 years ago. After developing our business in So. California, we left the day-to-day operation in the hands of capable managers to enjoy all that Arizona has to offer.

While still in California, I began my political involvement as an officer of local Republican clubs and eventually served four years as Treasurer of the San Bernardino County Republican Central Committee. Since moving to Bullhead City I have been active with the Colorado River Republican Women and Republican Central Committee and was instrumental in uniting fellow Republicans in Mohave County. I believe I can be as successful in working within the Arizona legislature.

I want to insure that Arizona has a balanced budget, that we spend taxpayer money wisely and effectively, and that the so-called "rural" areas get their fair share of expenditures. I will bring years of business and financial experience to the legislature, along with proven ability to coordinate with others and find common ground. My common sense approach will focus a new perspective on the challenges faced by this District and all of Arizona.

Also running — Peggy Toomey Hammann (D), Bruce Hinman (D), Trish Groe (R)

State Senator, District 24

Robert Cannell (D)

Dr. Bob Cannell has served in the Arizona State Legislature for almost four years, two years in the House and two years in the Senate.

He has served on Appropriations and Health committees in both legislative bodies, and also serves on the Natural Resources and Transportation Committee in the Senate as the ranking minority member. This committee addresses both Agriculture and Military Base issues, matters of great importance to District 24.

Dr. Cannell has been a Pediatrician in Yuma since 1969, and has been Director of the Yuma School Based Clinics, and Yuma Children's Rehabilitative Services, dealing with children with chronic and complicated health conditions.

As Senator for District 24, he has been a strong supporter of Children's Issues at the legislature. He supports access to health care, public education, agriculture and preservation of our military bases. He



has sponsored several bills and amendments for the Arizona Game and Fish department.

If elected in this election cycle, he will be the senior legislator from District 24.

Rodney Martin (L)

I am a strong advocate of Tribal Sovereignty and Tribal self-determination in all aspects of tribal affairs.

Having been a former Tribal Planner and Tribal Administrator, and in my present role assisting many Tribes in the areas of Community and Economic Development, I have unique perspective and experience that would be a great asset in the Arizona State Senate. I truly believe that the Arizona State Senate and the State Government in general needs to be educated about tribal culture, traditions and of the great contributions Indian Tribes make to the State of Arizona.

During my time as a Tribal Community & Economic Development Planner I learned first hand of the unnecessary challenges Tribes face from the State, challenges that should not be there. As a State Senator I will work to remove State interference in Tribal Affairs and will fight all attempts by the State to directly or indirectly impose or apply State Regulations or Taxes on Indian Communities.

I have a strong history of fighting for tribal causes and unlike my opponent, I have not and will not accept Special Interest contributions from such entities as Political Action Committees and Individuals associated with the Horse track industry in Arizona.

For far too long Tribe's contributions to the State of Arizona have been under appreciated, ignored, and harassed. Tribe's sovereignty and right to self-determination should not be impeded or hampered by the State and I will fight all attempts to do so.

State Representative, District 24 (two seats)

Amanda Aguirre (D)

Amanda Aguirre, 51, has lived in Yuma Arizona for the last 17 years. Her commitment to education is lifelong since she was raised by parents who both were elementary school teachers. Her Democratic values come from her parents who taught her to work hard and to serve her community. Since 1991 Amanda Aguirre, has been CEO/President of the Regional

Center for Border Health a non-profit organization. Amanda has been involved for more than 25 years in public health administration and education.

Ms. Aguirre became the first Hispanic and female representing District #24 (Yuma and La Paz Counties) in the State House of Representatives on February 6, 2003, when the Yuma County Board of Supervisors appointed her to the 46th Arizona State Legislature. Amanda presently serves in the House of Representatives in the following Committees: Rules, Federal Mandates and Property Rights and she is the ranking Democrat in the Transportation Committee.

Ms. Aguirre Goals Include:

- Improve access to affordable healthcare for working families.
- More and better employment opportunities.
- Full funding for public education and to assure full-day Kindergarten is established.
- Protect our military bases, full public safety funding for homeland security and work toward resolution of immigration issues.

Ms. Aguirre is the co-founder of the "Nuestros Niños" Foundation, a private foundation dedicated to improve the quality of life and meet the needs of children and their families along the U.S.-Mexico border.



Statewide Offices (Con't)

William Michael Smith (D)

Wm. Michael Smith is a third generation Yuma County native raised in a close knit farming family in Somerton, Arizona. Mike learned at a young age the importance of hard work and community values. He has five children and eleven grandchildren. Michael and his wife, Dee Dee, reside in Yuma where Michael has practiced law for the better part of the last 35 years. At 28, Wm. Michael Smith was the youngest County Attorney in the State of Arizona. Mike has served as general counsel for the Cocopah Indian Tribe for over 20 years and is extremely knowledgeable about Indian gaming and Indian sovereignty issues.



- I strongly believe that education is the great economic equalizer in our society and is the solution to most of our social problems and tax burdens.

- I believe that if we invest in our children's education today, then tomorrow we will have fewer teen pregnancies, fewer people in our prison system, stronger communities, and a stronger economy and a lighter tax burden.

- I believe it is essential that we create an environment to attract and retain high quality teachers and eliminate non-competitive pay, overcrowded classrooms and inadequate facilities and educational materials.

- I believe in fiscal discipline and responsibility.
- I believe that every citizen is entitled to a job that will pay a wage sufficient to support a family.
- I believe that every citizen must care about and respect every other citizen and their property.

For more on Mike go to www.MikeSmith2004.com.

Edmund Sheldon III (L)

I am a parent who is concerned with the way our school system is right now. I am concerned with the mortal loss of Programs, Teachers, and Students. With a forecast surplus of 50 million dollars, how can this happen.

We have city and county governments using "eminent Domain" issue to widen streets as a "project". Honest Citizens going to jail while the criminal runs free. Victims rights at work.

Public officials holding "Secret" meetings, and hiring lawyers. It seems that the donkeys and elephants spend more time on their own interest than ours.

I am tired of not being heard. It is time that the government became accountable for its actions, and started listening to those that elected them, and not the special interest groups.

I am not a politician. I am an everyday person that feels I have what is needed in our state government. A big mouth, and a loud voice. The people of District 24 "need" to be heard. They need to have a bully in the capitol. I may be only 5ft 11in, but my voice is 8 feet tall. We will be heard. Government does work, but only when it listens to those that it serves.

Also running — Fernando Quiroz (D), Sherry Smith (D), Russ Jones (R)

Corporation Commission (term expires 2007)

Carl Seel (R)

With his experience in business and securities, Carl Seel is "The Real Deal" for the Arizona Corporation Commission. Business sense is key for the Commission's daily functions. The Commission's decisions impact every business in Arizona. Carl understands that business owners need and deserve an easier process for incorporation here in Arizona. Carl wants to keep and increase consumer confidence in the stock market by



making sure securities laws are followed, strict fines given when they're broken, and make it more difficult for securities fraud to occur by educating the public on past and current schemes. Carl recognizes the need to plan for Arizona's future utility needs and make sure that ratepayers' interests are kept in mind.

In addition to his practical experience, Carl would bring his Republican experience and principles to the Arizona Corporation Commission. He is committed to the belief that the government that governs the least governs the best, and competition is a better solution than regulation. Carl is a lifelong Republican who has been honored as a precinct committeeman by the Arizona Republican Party. Carl's opponent in this primary had previously served as Governor Napolitano's press secretary as well as a reporter for the Arizona Republic. Carl is endorsed by Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee and officially approved by the Maricopa County Republican Party. With his experience, Carl Seel is the "Real Deal" for the Corporation Commission in this Republican primary. Visit his website at www.voteseel.com.

Also running — Kris Mayes (R)

Corporation Commission (term expires 2009; three seats)

Jeff Hatch-Miller (R)

As I complete my first term on the Arizona Corporation Commission, I am sure of two things: first, this is one of the most important elected offices in the state, and second, I have the passion and courage that's



needed to continue our important work. The Commission's actions touch everyone. Here are a few things I'm proud to have accomplished: securing adequate electricity and natural gas to meet Arizona's needs; safeguarding retirement savings from fraud; fighting for safer drinking water;

supporting new telecommunication choices especially in rural Arizona; and helping low-income families and the elderly pay their utility bills.

An effective commissioner fights for the little guy. I demanded accountability from Qwest and Wall-Street stockbrokers, and I got it. I stood up to powerful companies, helping to stop annoying telemarketing calls. I called on the Governor and Legislature to lower taxes on our utility bills. As your Commissioner, I've listened carefully, looked deeply into the issues, and made the tough decisions.

That's because I love Arizona and the people who live here. I've had the pleasure of working with communities throughout our state. Having lived in Prescott for 15 years, raising my children there, I know first hand that Arizona extends far beyond Maricopa and Pima counties. I'm honored to serve you on the Commission. I earnestly ask you to vote for me for re-election, so we can continue to make progress in these critical areas.

Please visit www.hatch-miller.org for more information. Hatch-Miller. Experienced. Hard Working. Common Sense.

Bill Mundell (R)

Commissioner Bill Mundell was raised in a military family. This instilled in him the belief that he must give back to his community and that public service is an honorable profession. Commissioner Mundell was 28 when he was appointed to be the Presiding Judge of the Chandler Municipal Court. In 1986, he resigned as judge to run for the Arizona House of Representatives. He was elected in 1986 and served in the Arizona House from 1987 to 1992. As chairman of the House Environment Committee, he sponsored numerous pieces of legislation protecting Arizona, including the state's first recycling law. During his tenure at the legislature, he was voted 'One of Arizona's Top 10 Legislators.' Bill Mundell has also been active in his

community, serving as president of the Chandler Fraternal Order of Police Associates and on the board of directors for Chandler Regional Hospital. Commissioner Mundell was appointed by the governor to serve on the Arizona Corporation Commission in June of 1999. He was elected by the people in the general election in 2000 and served as Chairman of the Commission in 2001 and 2002. Bill is married to Barbara and has two daughters, Meghan and Samantha.

Also running — Scott Clark (D), Mark Manoil (D), Nina Trasoff (D), Mike Gleason (R)

Federal offices

U.S. Congress, District 7

Raul Grijalva (D)

Dave Kaplan (L)

Lou Munoz (R)

Joseph Sweeney (R)

U.S. Senate

Ernest Hancock (L)

All of the Libertarian federal candidates in Arizona are running to advocate the sovereignty of the individual, the freedom to do as you wish as long as your actions do not violate the life, liberty or property of others. Libertarians are far more supportive of the rights of Native American peoples to be able to determine their own destiny without the interference of any government other than your own. But to enjoy the blessings of liberty and independence it is required to believe that you are not entitled to them, but that you deserve them.

It is my hope that the Colorado River Indian Tribes are able to truly exercise their sovereignty and demonstrate to the rest of us how beneficial freedom is. Please let us know when you need help, in many cases your battles are shared by other supporters of freedom that understand all too well what it is that you are resisting, and why.

Also running — John McCain (R), Stuart Starky (D)

For more information:

Winners from each political party in the September 7th Primary Election will be on the ballot for the November 2nd General Election. That ballot will also include the presidential election.

The La Paz County Elections Office can help you find out the following:

- How to register to vote or make sure you are currently registered.
- Your polling location for the September 7th election.

You may contact the County Elections Office at the following:

Elections Director Donna J. Hale
1108 Joshua Ave.
Parker, AZ 85344
(928) 669-6115
dhale@co.la-paz.az.us

www.co.la-paz.az.us/elections.htm

The Colorado River Indian Tribes encourages all Tribal members to vote in the upcoming elections. Further election information will be provided in the October issue of the *Manatoba Messenger*.

Families first in August photo contest

Entries now being accepted for October

Families were the big theme of the *Manataba Messenger* photo contest in August.

Rose Martinez is the winner of the August *Manataba*

Messenger photo contest with her photo of her daughter Crystal Marie Hardwick and her niece Savannah Martinez (left). She will receive \$100 for her winning entry.

Second prize went to Carrie Talaswaima for her photo of the women in her family, the

Emerson family (bottom of page). She wins \$50.

Third prize goes to Claudia Harper for a photo of daughter, Francine (below right). She will receive \$25 for her entry.

Remember that the photo contest will take place in every issue! The *Manataba Messenger* is published every two months, so the next issue will come out on or about October 1st. To submit a photo contest entry, send your picture to:

Manataba Messenger
C/O Rose & Allyn
7051 E. 5th Avenue Suite B
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

Or just e-mail the entry to critnews@aol.com.

Congratulations to this month's winners of the Photo Contest!



CRIT BRIEFS

News from around the Colorado River Indian Tribes Reservation

Poston Restoration Project makes significant strides forward

A few milestones have taken place as work continues on restoring the Poston Internment Camp.

The five committees of the Poston Restoration Project met in Los Angeles on July 17th at the Japanese American National Museum for a one-day workshop.

The workshop focused on fundraising strategies and a time for the five committees to report on their progress and plan for further activities.

Some progress has been made since the October Workshop at the BlueWater Resort & Casino in 2003.

On May 11, Hamp Merrill, professor emeritus of the University of Arizona, Tucson, and Randy Ewers, architect, visited the Poston Camp I site to evaluate the condition of the adobe auditorium and classrooms.

Both men, who have volunteered their services, provided helpful suggestions and advice.

Mr. Ewers will provide a rendering of the proposed museum site. It will be in color and show the various buildings, gardens and theater from the air.

For further information regarding the Poston Restoration Project, please contact the Education Department.

Governor signs bill mandating Indian history in Arizona classrooms

CRIT Tribal Councilmember Cindy Homer was in attendance as Governor Janet Napolitano signed a bill mandating that Native American history be included in the curriculums of Arizona schools.

Homer represented CRIT at a ceremony that included representatives from tribes around the state, who had lobbied the Governor and the Legislature to pass the bill.

The bill was signed into law on June 4th at the Tribal Energy Summit 2004, which was held at the Lodge at Cliff Castle Casino on the Yavapai-Apache Nation.

The bill requires that Native American history and instruction be incorporated into existing curricula in Arizona schools.

Originally, bill co-sponsor Sen. Albert Hale wanted the instruction to include components of history, culture, government and sovereignty.

The measure passed in the Senate by a 30-0 vote in the past legislative session.

However, all but the history requirement was stripped by the state House of Representatives, and the bill signed by the Governor included only the history component.

Hale has said he will try to get other components added again in the next legislative session, which begins in January.

(Includes reporting from the Prescott Courier)

Focus on...Tribal History and Culture

Manataba more than just a name in CRIT Tribal history

By Dr. Michael Tsosie

Special to the *Manataba Messenger*

On the reservation, one can't help but hear and read the name Manataba. But what does it mean?

First, note that the spelling of the names in this article were taken directly from materials in the CRIT Archives and are not the invention of the author. Also, an apology is made for the use of the names of people not among us anymore.

The purpose of this article was to convey some of the history to as many people as possible.

Finally, perhaps some of his descendants or others with information may want to come forward and contribute to all of our knowledge of the history. We wait to hear from you.

Manitaba is the English spelling of the name of one of our great leaders on this reservation. Mon-e-tava was the chief of the Mohave people on the Colorado River Indian Reservation from 1900 to 1916. Manataba was the son of Akwakhimei and Kwakuy Hanidtha. Kwakuy Hanidtha was the sister of Ah-chee-yeer rah-tava, or Irataba.

Irataba was the principal chief of the Mohaves that left the Mojave Valley and settled among the CRIT Mohave in 1863. Irataba was the principal war chief of the Mohave nation until his peacetime vision for the Mohave tribe conflicted with those of the other chiefs in the Mojave Valley. Rather than fight and tear each other apart, these Mohave leaders parted ways and enacted their vision for life that eventually became the Fort Mojave and CRIT. It is during this time, in 1858, that Manataba was born.

By 1865, Irataba was recognized by both the Mohave and the Americans as the principal chief for the Mohaves living on the CRIT reservation, and he remained a great leader for his people until his death in 1874. At this time, the Mohave people at CRIT chose to follow Hookarow (Cool-ho-Coo-row wa), or "Fast Boat," as their leader.

Hookarow was the leader and protector of his people from 1874 until his death in 1894. He was the son of Irataba's older sister. The Mohave/English translator for Hookarow in his dealings with the Americans at the time was Manataba.

When Hookarow died, the Mohave at CRIT chose to follow Sethuma (Tack-seth-thu-mah) as their leader. Sethuma was the only surviving son of Irataba and he led



This sign, dating back to the previous incarnation of the Manataba Messenger in the early 1980s, still hangs on a temporary building just north of the Tribal offices. It is just one of many reminders of the legacy of Manataba.

and provided for the people until he died six years later in 1900. Sethuma did not have any sons, but had two daughters that survived him. At this time, Manataba was put forward as a leader and the Mohave people at CRIT chose to follow him into the 20th century.

Manitaba was the son of Irataba's younger sister. He was of the Mus clan, but his mother and Irataba's family all come from the Neolge clan. The Pipatahan that originate from the Mojave Valley all seem to have been descended from the Neolge as one traces the lineage of Homosehquahote (the Fort Mojave chief) and Irataba.

The mighty presence and stately bearing of Manataba has been noted in the historical record, but his primary distinction was that he was one of the first Mohave leaders to deal directly with the American government without the assistance of a Mohave/English translator. Manataba's skills as an orator in both Mohave and English were remarkable at the time, and these skills proved efficient and timely as Manataba protected our lands and water from the ravages of American allotment policy.

In 1910, on the cusp of the enactment of allotment at CRIT, the Mohave people donated their own money to pay for chief Manataba to travel to Washington, D.C. and directly negotiate with the Office of Indian Affairs. We see and live the results of his courageous efforts on our behalf as our reservation remains whole and intact to this day.

Many future Mohave leaders remember Manataba visiting them in boarding school and encouraging

and was a role model for his people and others.

On May 31, 1916, Manataba died and was cremated according to the traditions carried on by the Mohave since the First Time, when God showed the Mohave how to die and what to do. Businesses shut down in the Town of Parker, as did the boarding school and the local Indian agency, to honor the passing of this Mohave leader, and there was a general period of mourning for the entire community. Manataba's family used his name as their last name, but upon his death, they changed their last names and took on other names as was the Mohave custom of the time.

After the death of Manataba, his son Harold Wade (Homar Coova ek kok) was put forward as a leader for the Mohaves at CRIT, but few followed. Consequently, the Mohave captains among the people provided leadership and maintained order until the Mohave and Chemehuevi people at CRIT voted for the Indian

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Zero-tolerance drug policy results in arrests

Criminals face stiffer penalties for possession, use or sale of narcotics

Enforcement of the CRIT Tribal Council's zero-tolerance drug policy has resulted in the arrest of several people on drug-related charges.

Lieutenant Jeff Gilbert of the CRIT Police Department said that one male Tribal member was arrested on July 23rd on charges of drug possession with intent to sell.

On that date, R&B Security reported a person not allowed in the Desert Sun housing area had entered a home there.

CRIT's criminal investigator went to the home looking for the subject, and the occupants allowed him in. The investigator observed some drugs and paraphernalia in the home.

The investigator then got a warrant to search the home. Once inside, CRIT Police found a half-pound of marijuana, packaged as if it was ready to be sold, and some other related items, such as scales and paraphernalia.

The adult male tribal member was arrested and is being held on \$2,000 bond.

Other arrests have been made in drug-related incidents since the Tribal Council's adoption of a zero-tolerance drug policy, but details could not be released as of press time.

Should those individuals be convicted, they will face harsher sentencing than ever before because of the zero-tolerance policy.

The Tribal Council approved the zero-tolerance policy in June, including increased prosecution and enforcement.

CRIT receives tourism grant from state



CRIT Cultural Tourism Director Ron Charles was on hand in early July to accept a Teamwork for Arizona Marketing (TEAM) matching grant from the Arizona Department of Tourism.

Governor Janet Napolitano personally awarded the grant to CRIT and other agencies

throughout the state. CRIT is one of about eight tribes who received such a grant.

The TEAM program provides marketing dollars to communities, non-profit organizations and tribes to assist them with promotion, advertising and marketing, research and strategic planning.

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Reorganization Act in 1934, and reorganized their Tribal Government into a legally recognized organization. This form of Tribal Government is what we have today.

Irataba's granddaughter, Chacha Cox, made the following statement about this transition in form of government in the 1930s:

"My grandfather also said that if there were no children in his family, the Tribe should pick

a man who is interested in tribal affairs and in the progress and welfare of the Indians — a man who would see the needs of the Indians and would try to do something about them."

Instead of picking a single man, the Mohave now choose several men and women to provide the leadership and guidance that only one Pipatahan used to provide. In many ways, Manatoba was the last of his kind that skillfully guided and protected the Mohave through the 20th century. However, descendants of these leaders live among us, and we will see who leads us again in the manner of the Pipatahan.

JACOBY,

From Page 1

League against tough pitching.

"It's solid competition here every day," he said. "I think it's tougher than college ball. It's like facing the best pitcher from each school every day."

Ellisbury has fond memories of his time in Parker and the people he met. "I met a lot of nice people and friends down there," he said. "I have a lot of family there and I enjoyed hanging out with them. I had pretty much just met them at reunions so it was nice to be there for two years."

He will be in the Cape Cod League until mid-August. Afterwards, he will return to Oregon State University for what will likely be his final year — he plans on declaring for the Major League Baseball draft. He was drafted in the 23rd Round in the 2002 draft by the Tampa Bay Devil Rays of the American League, but did not sign with the team.

Ellisbury said that he has gravitated toward baseball since a young age.

"I started playing tee ball when I was really young," he said. "My dad pretty much put the ball in my hand, and I always enjoyed playing and have been playing ever since. When I was younger I would be waiting for my dad when he came home with my bat and ball in hand."

He said that being able to play major-college baseball has been a dream come true for him, as has working his way up and playing in places like the Cape Cod League.

"Growing up I wanted to play in the Pac-10 (Oregon State's conference), and when I got the opportunity it was a lifelong dream come true," he said. "You're playing against some of the best competition in the country. "Last summer I also got to play in the Alaska League, which is a great summer ball league. This year I wanted to go back east and play in the Cape Cod League. It's my first time back east, and it's been a great experience."

Recently, Ellisbury was invited to try out for the U.S. National Team — one of only 35 players extended an invitation. He didn't make the team, but was still honored to be considered, and ranks it among his biggest accomplishments in baseball.

"Getting asked to try out for the national team was a big highlight in my career," he said. "Also, this year I made the First-Team All Pac-10 Team in the outfield, which was a big honor and a goal of mine. And playing in Cape Cod has been a great honor. There have been a lot of major leaguers here, and a lot of tradition."

Ellisbury is studying business at Oregon State, which may come in handy in handling his success if his major league baseball career progresses. He said that he encourages young people to continue to chase their dreams while maintaining a focus on their education.

"The biggest thing I'd say is you gotta stay in school and get good grades," he said. "If I didn't get good grades I couldn't have played and had opportunities I've had. Also, always strive for your goals."

"Not many people make the major leagues, and lot of kids do want to play there, so right now I'm striving for ultimate goal. Anything can happen."

TAXES,

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That tax was collected by the Arizona Department of Revenue through a 1997 agreement.

ADOR has continued to collect the taxes for CRIT, and the ADOR and CRIT have reformed the agreement as part of the new tax reforms by the Tribes.

The revisions will be phased in over time. The 3 percent restaurant tax and the 5.5 percent lodging tax will be levied starting in the next few

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— Daniel Eddy Jr.
CRIT Tribal Chairman

weeks, and affect businesses or entities conducting business on the CRIT reservation

over which the Tribes has jurisdiction.

The opportunity to make changes to the tax structure will benefit Tribal members in many ways, Eddy Jr. said.

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Additional announcements on changes to the Tribal tax codes will follow future direction from the Tribal Council.

EDUCATION,

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academic and social success and lowering dropout rates for tribal students in the Parker School District.

A high school counselor will have an on-campus office while the K-8 counselor will rotate among the appropriate schools.

The positions are currently being advertised and should be filled by the beginning of the academic school year.

Education Department looks at charter schools

The Education Department is examining the possibility of starting a charter school for kindergarten through fifth grades.

Staff have visited a number of tribally-based schools in the state and are considering a curriculum where Native languages would be taught and the cultures integrated into the curriculum.

Lessons would reflect Native learning styles to assist students in being more successful academically. Strong parental involvement would be emphasized as well.

Look for additional updates on the progress of this initiative in the coming months.

DRUGS,

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a month in jail is likely. Those selling drugs will receive a tougher maximum sentence.

CRIT is also looking at ways to expand enforcement of its civil forfeiture laws and confiscate property on which illegal activity takes place, such as homes where drugs are sold or manufactured. CRIT is planning to expand that enforcement to include the confiscation of vehicles where drugs are found or that are used for drug trafficking.

The biggest problems with drugs in La Paz County are with methamphetamines. But regardless of the drug, Tribal Police and prosecutors will be stepping up efforts and enforcing new and existing policies to the fullest extent possible.

Along with increased enforcement and prosecution, CRIT will continue its emphasis on drug treatment programs. Anyone found guilty of a drug-related offense will be required to go through treatment programs. And CRIT will be working with the Drug Enforcement Agency and other law-enforcement agencies to curb drug use in the community as a whole.

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